

Purpose of Foster Care Review*

- To verify federal and state laws applicable to foster care are upheld.
- To proactively influence the quality of services and outcomes for children and their families.
- To provide timely findings and recommendations to case participants and decision makers following each scheduled case review.
- To conduct an independent analysis of information about the child's safety, permanence and functioning in developing findings and recommendations.
- To assure all involved parties are informed and have the opportunity to participate in the reviews.
- To assure participants in the review have a clear understanding of the review's purpose and what is to be accomplished.
- To verify the race, ethnicity, language, religious beliefs or culture of the child and/or his/her parent and family network did not adversely influence decisions regarding the case review.
- To verify the beliefs, values and culture of all parties were respected.
- To verify/assure the satisfaction level of all involved parties improves through acceptance and response to all feedback by the FCCRB staff.
- To verify there is a realistic, measurable case plan which has a clear permanency planning goal which is being implemented.
- To verify there is improved timeliness of the attainment of the permanency planning goal (reunification, adoption, etc.)
- To assure that conflicts between critical participants in case activities are identified, clarified, and where feasible, actions to resolve them are identified.
- To verify and assure that essential information is documented and case data is utilized in a quality improvement system.

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Adapted from *Individual Foster Care Case Review Guidelines*, National Association of Foster Care Reviewers, 1997.

- To verify the child's safety as well as improvements in the child's physical, mental, developmental and educational status.
- To assure the rights of the participating parties are maintained.
- To assure continuity is achieved between judicial and citizen reviews.